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Help L.A. County Animal Care and Control **Save-A-Stray for the Holidays!**

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In an effort to help homeless pets this holiday season, the Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care and Control (DACC) will hold seven simultaneous adoption events on Saturday, December 19, 2009. Sponsored by Found Animals Foundation, "Save-A-Stray for the Holidays," will be held at each of the six County animal shelters as well as the new AV Pet Stop, making this a true Los Angeles County-encompassing event. Adoption fees will be reduced and all locations will open at 9:00 a.m. (the event runs from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.) to give the public additional time to interact with the animals and find a compatible pet. The reduced adoption prices will continue through December 24, 2009.

Deputy Director of Outreach and Special Enforcement, Michelle Roaché, emphasizes the significance and impact of adoption. "Each year, the Department takes in more than 90,000 animals. There are not enough homes for all of them. Supporting adoption rather than irresponsible breeding is one way to significantly help to reduce this pet over-population problem," she said.

"Save-A-Stray for the Holidays" marks DACC's first time participating in such a unique event. DACC's team of volunteers will help make this event possible, by taking on roles such as: pet matchmakers, decorators, greeters, etc. DACC will team up with the City of Los Angeles' Animal Services as well as SEAACA in hopes of adopting out a record number of animals this day, just in time for the holidays.

Be sure to visit one (or a couple) of our seven locations:

1. **Downey Animal Shelter**- 11258 S. Garfield Ave., Downey 90242
2. **Carson Animal Shelter**- 216 W. Victoria St., Gardena, 90248
3. **Baldwin Park Animal Shelter**- 4275 N. Elton St., Baldwin Park, 91706
4. **Lancaster Animal Shelter**- 5210 W. Avenue I, Lancaster 93536
5. **Castaic Animal Shelter**- 31044 N. Charlie Canyon Rd., Castaic 91384
6. **Agoura Animal Shelter**- 29525 Agoura Road, Agoura Hills, 91301
7. **Antelope Valley Pet Stop**- 42116 4th Street East, Lancaster 93535

Each location has a wonderful selection of animals just waiting for a new home. For more information, visit our website, <http://animalcare.lacounty.gov> or stop by your local animal shelter.

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